

WHEREAS, Few non-Indian people today recognize the vast contributions made by Native Americans to many and varied professions and occupations; and,

WHEREAS, There is a strong and renewed interest in the self-preservation of all aspects of Indian culture and heritage; and,

WHEREAS, There is urgency to promote a unified effort of all for the common good, and to bring about a more wholesome relationship among Native Americans; and,

WHEREAS, The Native American population is working for a better future, for a revival of participation in the Tribal affairs, and for a revival of moral support for the Tribal councils; and,

WHEREAS, The Native American communities are voicing greater self-expression and exposure of their values to surrounding communities, and are taking a more active role in the use and development of their skills and resources; and,

WHEREAS, The Native American people made significant historical contributions to the welfare and survival of early pioneers and explorers who ultimately founded the Republic of the United States of America:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 10, through 16, 1976, as

**NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK**

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens of the State to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the Great Seal  
of the State of South Dakota,  
in Pierre, the Capital City,  
this 31st day of August, in  
the Year of Our Lord, Nine-  
teen Hundred and Seventy-  
Six

  
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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